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GREEN ENERGY EDUCATION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 957, the Green Energy Education Act of 2009.

This bill authorizes the Department of Energy to partner with the National Science Foundation to help universities to develop the next generation of engineers and architects. These students will be trained to work effectively together to produce buildings that incorporate the latest in energy efficient technologies.

Especially in this economy, we need to train our workforce in the latest, most relevant technologies in the green energy job sector in order to help us realize many of our energy policy goals.

In the 110th Congress, I was able to add a provision to the Energy Independence and Security Act that allows colleges and university to research woody biomass, a new form of alternative fuel that shows promise in meeting our energy needs.

We should also continue to support legislation that takes advantage of the growing opportunities to educate and train our college and university students to develop new technologies and find jobs in the green energy economy.

Along with my place on the House Science and Technology Committee, I am also a member of the Education and Labor Committee, and co-chair of the Congressional Community College Caucus. I know that good sustainability practices are a vital component of the effort to move toward a clean, energy independent future. Because community colleges and universities are often at the forefront of this movement, they are a natural place to focus such efforts.

By training students in the latest technologies, we are helping guarantee that companies will have the educated workforce necessary to grow and prosper in coming decades.

I am happy to support this bill, and I am committed to continuing to advocate for policy, partnerships, and projects that will keep universities and community colleges at the forefront of our nation's burgeoning green energy economy.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I want to clearly explain the sources of the data I have

used to compare the strength of the economy during President Clinton's time in office as compared to the economy during the Bush administration. During the Bush administration, an average of 2,000 private sector jobs were created per month. For purposes of comparison, 217,000 private sector jobs were created per month under President Clinton. These statistics are drawn from Bureau of Labor Statistics data. To provide further evidence for the relative success of Presidents Clinton and Bush, it is helpful to look at economic growth during their Presidencies. President Clinton created \$1.68 in economic growth for every dollar of economic growth created under the Bush administration. These numbers are taken directly from research by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Finally, and perhaps most convincing, is the stark difference between the change in purchasing power, for the median household, between the Clinton and the Bush years. Under President Bush, the median household had \$500 less purchasing power as of 2007 as compared to the beginning of Bush's Presidency. Under President Clinton the purchasing power of the median household rose by over \$5,000. These numbers were drawn from data compiled by the Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. My friends on the other side of the aisle may prefer to ignore these comparisons; however, I am of the opinion that we must learn from our past to better prepare for the future. As we work to create jobs and get the economy back on track, it is useful to keep in mind the lessons of the past two decades.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RON TUPPER FOR HIS CONTINUOUS WORK IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH CARE IN THE BORDER REGIONS OF TEXAS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Tupper for his 25 years of service to the health care field through his work in health care development and consultation, health education, and hospital and clinic management. He has done so much over the years for the border region and he truly deserves to be recognized today.

Mr. Tupper holds a master's of science degree in health management and health education from Texas State University, as well as a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska. He also served our country proudly for 7 years as a U.S. Air Force Medical Serviceman until he was honorably discharged in 1970.

Ron Tupper has been instrumental over the years to bringing quality health services to citizens in the border regions of Texas. He started in 1974 with his first assignment on the Texas-Mexico border and soon afterwards he was elected one of the youngest CEOs to serve an accredited rural hospital in Texas. Later he would help secure a marketing plan and matching funds to develop a rural public health academic training program on the border.

At the University of Texas Health Science Center, Mr. Tupper was responsible for coordi-

nating medical education opportunities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Over the past few years he has worked with the city of McAllen and the clinic board to secure a site for the community clinic which treats 130 working poverty stricken Hidalgo County residents daily. The facility, which started out as a 3-examination-room clinic, is now a 25,000 square foot facility that operates with 48 examination rooms.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Ron Tupper for his dedicated service to the field of health care in the State of Texas. He has committed so much through the years to advance his cause and I am honored to have the privilege of recognizing him today.

HONORING BARACK OBAMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students, faculty and staff of the Barack Obama Elementary School for the official renaming of the former Ludlum Elementary School. I am pleased to see that the first school in the Nation to bear the name of our 44th President is in my Congressional District.

The Nation faces a monumental moment in history with the election of our country's first African-American President. At the request of the students and to honor this milestone, on November 20, 2008, Ludlum Elementary School was officially renamed Barack Obama Elementary School. I commend the students for their foresight to honor an historic achievement.

As a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, I have the great privilege of learning about schools both locally and nationally. The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. I look forward to working with the students and faculty as the Barack Obama Elementary School enters this new part of its history.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my best wishes and recognition to Barack Obama Elementary School.

HAMAS'S BLOODY HANDS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 27, 2009

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, from time-to-time Members insert into this RECORD articles which are of particular relevance to current policy debates, and we often add a commentary. Today I do not add any words because this compelling, insightful column by Richard Cohen on the will- ingness of far too many in the world to give a pass to Hamas while being harshly critical of Israel needs no gloss.

Madam Speaker, I add only that I am in very strong agreement with virtually everything Mr. Cohen has to say in this piece and I hope it will be read and reflected upon.